

## DEPARTMENT of ENVIRONMENT and NATURAL RESOURCES

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## RECOMMENDATION OF CHIEF ENGINEER

## FOR WATER RIGHT FILING NO. 0494-2, JOHN P PLUNKETT ETAL

Pursuant to SDCL 46-2A-2 and 46-5-37.1, the following is the recommendation of the Chief Engineer, Water Rights Program, Department of Environment and Natural Resources concerning Water Right Filing No. 0494-2, Richard and Robert Bollmann.

The Chief Engineer is recommending cancellation of the above water right filing due to abandonment and/or forfeiture.

No. 0494-2 was located and filed by John P Plunkett et al in June, 1896 to appropriate 1,000 miners inches from Rapid Creek located in the NW ¼ NE ¼ Section 30, T1S, R11E. The water was to be used for milling, manufacturing, irrigation, domestic and other useful purposes. The project was to be known as the "Plunkett and Lynch Irrigating Ditch". In August, 2016, an inspection of the area for updating and licensing the system as it exists found no evidence of the project. Richard Rausch who has leased the property since the early 1980's had no knowledge of a diversion point at the described location.

RON DUVALL, Water Rights Permitting Administrator for Jeanne Goodman, Chief Engineer

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